

Proclamation 4933 of April 16, 1982

National Farm Safety Week, 1982

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Agriculture, America's oldest and most important industry, once required much of the time of most of our people. No more. Now each farm or ranch worker provides enough food and fiber for himself and 77 others here and around the world.

We are blessed with abundance, but we have no guarantees for the future. If we are to be ready to meet expanding markets and world needs for the products of our agricultural bounty, we must search for still better farming methods. We must find ways to control such factors as accidents that erode our productive capacity in agriculture.

Last year nearly 400,000 farm and ranch residents were injured—many of them fatally—in accidents. The cost in dollars was substantial and, in human suffering, incalculable.

While difficult jobs and adverse conditions are a part of farming, accidents need not be. Most farm accidents and occupational illnesses can be eliminated or reduced through safe work practices, use of protective equipment, and attention to safety in the rural home, in transportation, and in recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week of September 19 through September 25, 1982, as National Farm Safety Week. I call upon those who live and work on the nation's farms and ranches to commit themselves to the safe conduct of all their activities, both on and off the job. Also, I urge the people and organizations allied with agriculture to help turn this commitment into reality by supporting personal, group, and community safety efforts in every possible way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4934 of April 16, 1982

Armed Forces Day, 1982

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Each year we Americans set aside one day to honor the brave and dedicated men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

They serve our nation with dignity, courage, and pride in duty stations throughout the world. The peace we enjoy today reminds us of their important role.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, continuing the precedent of my seven immediate predecessors in this Office, do hereby proclaim the third Saturday of each May as Armed Forces Day.

I direct the Secretary of Defense on behalf of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps, and the Secretary of Transportation on behalf of the Coast Guard, to plan for appropriate observances each year, with the Secretary of Defense responsible for soliciting the participation and cooperation of civil authorities and private citizens.

I invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to provide for the observance of Armed Forces Day within their jurisdiction each year in an appropriate manner designed to increase public understanding and appreciation of the Armed Forces of the United States.

I also invite national and local veterans, civic and other organizations to join in the observance of Armed Forces Day each year.

I call upon all Americans not only to display the flag of the United States at their homes on Armed Forces Day, but also to learn about our system of defense, and about the men and women who sustain it, by attending and participating in the local observances of the day.

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Proclamation 4571 of May 15, 1978, is hereby superseded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4935 of April 26, 1982

National Year of Disabled Persons

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

The 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons, a celebration of the achievements and strengths of disabled persons the world over, has now concluded. In that Year, we were made aware of the many accomplishments of disabled people, and we rejoiced at the number of lives that were made richer and more productive through education, rehabilitation, and employment.

The impetus gained during this celebration must not be lost. We must seize the opportunities afforded by the International Year of Disabled Persons to increase our national awareness of what remains to be done in order to assure all disabled Americans full and active participation in our society.

I call upon my fellow citizens in both the public and private sectors to join in mutual efforts to pursue the long-term goals set forth during 1981.

NOW, THEREFORE, in keeping with the aims of Senate Joint Resolution 134, and in order to continue the momentum developed in the International Year of Disabled Persons, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the year 1982 as the "National Year of Disabled Persons."

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